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FROM EAGLEBURGER AND SAUNDERS

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF A FACT SHEET ON THE DAVIES ASSASSINATION WHICH WE GAVE MCCLORY THIS EVENING AND WHICH CONTAINS THE FACTS ON THE KILLING.

2. ALLEGATION: SECRETARY KISSINGER MAY HAVE RECEIVED A CLOSELY HELD INTELLIGENCE REPORT IDENTIFYING THE PEOPLE WHO KILLED AMBASSADOR DAVIES, BUT REFRAINED FROM PUBLIC PROTEST PERHAPS BECAUSE THE MURDERERS ARE NOW OFFICIALS IN THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT.

3. FACTS: WE KNOW OF NO CIA OR OTHER INTELLIGENCE REPORT IDENTIFYING THE PEOPLE WHO KILLED AMBASSADOR DAVIES.

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THE INFORMATION WE DO HAVE GIVES INDICATIONS OF THE

IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE SEEN FIRING AT THE EMBASSY, BUT NOT NECESSARILY THOSE WHO WERE THE KILLERS OF AMBASSADOR DAVIES. ALL THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE US GOVERNMENT WAS RECEIVED FROM TWO SOURCES: CYPRUS

POLICE AND SECURITY OFFICIALS ON THE ONE HAND, AND PICTURES DRAWN FROM THE TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE FIRING ON THE EMBASSY IN NICOSIA THE DAY DAVIES WAS KILLED.

4. WITHIN A DAY OR TWO OF THE KILLING, THE CYPRIOT POLICE ARRESTED THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE SUSPECTED OF HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN THE MURDER. ONE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WAS A MEMBER OF THE POLICE FORCE. THE CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES WERE UNABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THIS CRIME AND THE SUSPECTS WERE RELEASED. LATER IN OCTOBER 1974, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY PROVIDED PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES IN WHICH THE SAME POLICEMAN WAS PICTURED ARMED AND DRESSED IN AN ARMY UNIFORM. THIS POLICEMAN WAS AGAIN ARRESTED AND QUESTIONED, BUT AGAIN THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE WHICH THE CYPRIOTS BELIEVED ESTABLISHED HIS LINK WITH THE MURDER. THE POLICEMAN WAS RELEASED. HE WAS ON THE FORCE FOR SOME TIME AFTER THE KILLING; HE STILL MAY BE SERVING, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE CURRENT INFORMATION ON THIS POINT.

5. WE MADE NUMEROUS APPROACHES TO ALL LEVELS OF THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT TO URGE THAT THE INVESTIGATION BE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED. US EFFORTS FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION INCLUDED THE SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE TO THE CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES TO AID IN THEIR INVESTIGATION AS WELL AS A CLOSE AND CONSISTENT MONITORING OF THE INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS BY MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY. THE MATTER OF THE DAVIES ASSASSINATION AND ITS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN RAISED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND OTHER OFFICIALS ON AT LEAST THREE OCCASIONS WITH PRESIDENT MAKARIOS; THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR APPROACHES TO FORMER ACTING CYPRUS PRESIDENT AND NOW CHIEF CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR IN THE TALKS WITH THE TURKS GLAFCOS CLERIDES; AND ALSO THERE WERE AT LEAST FOUR DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

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CHRISTOPHIDES. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO REGULAR CONTACT WITH CYPRIOT POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS ON THE MATTER. THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS IS AWARE FROM THESE CONTACTS THAT WE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN THE INVESTIGATION. IT HAS TOLD US THAT THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

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